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Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests &
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Thunder Basin Burns Accomplished

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) March 25, 2011 – The Forest Service successfully carried out prescribed burning on the Thunder Basin National Grassland from March 18-20. The prescribed burns took place 15 miles northeast of Bill, Wyo.

The agency burned 3,945 acres over the course of three days to promote wildlife habitat and improve vegetation conditions. Three separate units were ignited by Forest Service crews including, 445 acres at Cow Camp, 1,270 acres at East Pasture and 2,230 at Rothleutner. The Forest Service originally estimated 4,000 acres would be burned in these prescriptions.

“Our crews did a great job and I’m pleased with the result,” said Cristi Painter, Threatened and Endangered Species Biologist for the Douglas Ranger District. “Prescribed burning and the expansion of short structure plant areas is important for a variety species and their necessary habitat, such as mountain plover, burrowing owls and swift fox. Plus, expanding prairie dog towns will help us get black-footed ferrets on the ground as soon as possible.”

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